

Beat The Heat

Tips from the Missouri Public **Service Commission** that may help save money on cooling bills this summer.

10 Ways To Conserve Energy During the Summer

- Don't constantly move the thermostat up or down throughout the day; this wastes energy and money.
- Use ceiling fans to help assist in cooling.
- Turn off lights when they are not in use and consider installing compact flourescent light bulbs whenever possible.
- Make sure your air conditioner filters are clean. A clogged filter will cause the unit to run more often - and cost you more money.
- Plug air leaks around doors, windows and fireplace.
- Make sure furniture and draperies are not blocking cooling outlets. Blocked outlets restrict air circulation, overwork the cooling equipment and increase operating costs.
- Close drapes and blinds during the day to keep the sun from heating your home.
- Use clothes dryers or dishwashers in the early morning or evening.
- Use only lights and appliances you really need.
- Use a microwave instead of an oven to cook meals.
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